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SUBJECT: LIBERTY BELL GARDEN BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

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1. ACCORDING TO JERUSALEM POST PRIMIN RABIN AND JERUSALEM MAYOR KOLLEK TOOK PART IN CEREMONY JAN 13 IN JERUSALEM KHAN, SMALL THEATER NEAR SITE OF LIBERTY BELL GARDEN, AT WHICH THEY SIGNED SCROLL LATER BURIED AT PARK SITE. CEREMONY DESCRIBED AS FIRST IN HONOR OF US BICENTENNIAL HELD IN ISRAEL OR ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE US. IN REMARKS TO DELEGATES TO CURRENT ISRAEL BOND CONFERENCE WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE, RABIN NOTED HIS FIRST STOP IN US TRIP LATER THIS MONTH WOULD BE IN PHILADELPHIA "TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE FATHERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION."

2. PHOTO SHOWS RABIN AND KOLLEK SIGNING SCROLL IN KHAN. POST STATES AFTER ROUSING AMERICAN MARCHES PLAYED BY JERUSALEM POLICE BAND, DELEGATES WALKED ACROSS TO PARK SITE AND HELPED BURY SCROLL THEY HAD SIGNED. NOT CLEAR WHETHER RABIN ACCOMPANIED THIS GROUP OR TOOK PART ONLY IN SIGNING CEREMONY INDOORS.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, WORK TO START ON GARDEN IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS. SO FAR, OTHER THAN REPLICA OF BELL, ONLY SIGN OF WORK IS SMALL PATCH OF GRAVEL LAID FOR THIS OCCASION.

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